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GVN HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING PUBLIC PROTEST, PRINTED IN VIETNAM
 PRESSE EVENING OCT 30, OVER INCURSION BY CAMBODIAN FIGHTER PLANES
 AND SAMPANS ON OCT 26:

BEGIN TEXT

FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TODAY IT HAS SENT AN "ENERGETIC
 PROTEST" TO CAMBODIAN GOVT CONCERNING OCT 26 CROSS-BORDER RAIDS
 BY THREE KHMER FIGHTER PLANES AND 100 SAMPANS LOADED WITH KHMER
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 TROOPS.

THROUGH JAPANESE EMBASSY, VIETNAM HAS ASKED CAMBODIA "TO PUT AN
 END TO SUCH ACTS OF PROVOCATION."

MINISTRY'S COMMUNIQUE GAVE FOLLOWING DETAILS ON CAMBODIAN RAIDS:

AT 6:55 P.M. THREE CAMBODIAN FIGHTER PLANES PENETRATED VIETNAMESE
 AIRSPACE IN HONG NGU DISTRICT OF KIEN PHONG PROVINCE. WITH ROCKETS
 AND MACHINE GUN FIRE THEY ATTACKED VIETNAMESE BORDER POST AT
 KIEU DUC (WT 491.090).

AIR ATTACK CAUSED NO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE POST.

AT SAME TIME, TROOPS OF ROYAL KHMER ARMED FORCES ABOARD 100
 SAMPANS PENETRATED 200 METERS INSIDE VIETNAMESE TERRITORY AT
 PLACE CALLED DINH BA (WT 470.123) ALSO IN HONG NGU DISTRICT.

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-2- 1350, October 31, 1 P.M., From Saigon

ALERTED TO THIS INCURSION, LOCAL SECURITY FORCES PREPARED FOR ANY EVENTUALITY, WHICH OBLIGED KHMER TROOPS TO HASTILY RETURN TO CAMBODIAN TERRITORY WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT.

END TEXT

FCNOFF INFORMS US THAT PROTEST GIVEN TO JAPANESE ON OCT 30 FOR TRANSMITTAL TO RKG.

MACV INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT, BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY, CONFIRMS PENETRATION BY CAMBODIAN AIRCRAFT INTO VIETNAMESE AIR-
CFN 6:55 P.M. HONG NGU KIEN PHONG KEEU DUC WT 491.090 100 200
DINH BA WT 470.120 HONG NGU 30 RKG MACV

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SPACE AT 1855 OCT 26. ABSENCE OF EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS IN AREA MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY AIRCRAFT POSITIVELY, BUT MOST REPORTS INDICATE THEY WERE JETS. CAMBODIAN GOVT HAS ALREADY PUBLICLY ADMITTED PENETRATION AND EVEN BOASTED OF IT (PHNOM PENH'S 263 TO DEPT). THERE APPEARS TO BE NO SUBSTANCE TO CAMBODIAN ALLEGATION THAT ITS AIRCRAFT PENETRATED VIETNAM ONLY IN PURSUIT OF VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD CROSSED INTO CAMBODIA. ACCORDING TO MACV, THERE WERE NO US OR GVN AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY.

MACV HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM VIETNAMESE CHARGE THAT CAMBODIAN SAMPAHS PENETRATED VIETNAMESE TERRITORY. THERE WERE NO US OBSERVERS IN AREA AT TIME OF ALLEGED PENETRATION. IT APPEARS PERFECTLY POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, AS ENTIRE AREA IS FLOODED AND SAMPAHS COULD HAVE COME INTO VIETNAM FROM RIVER WHICH MARKS BORDER. TAYLOR.

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